

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT

Wildlife – Forest Department – NSTR – Collection of Environmental maintenance Charges for the Vehicles passing through Tiger Reserve areas – Permission accorded – Orders – Issued.

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ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms. No. 56

Date:28-05-2014.

Read the following:

- 1) From the PCCF (WL) & CWLW, A.P., Hyd. Rc.No:11566/2013/  
WL-1, Dated:11.12.2013.
- 2) From the PCCF(WL) & CWLW, A.P., Hyd,Lr.Rc.No.11566/2013/  
WL-1, Dated:22.03.2014

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O R D E R:

In the reference 1<sup>st</sup> read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden, A.P., Hyderabad has informed that the road from Hyderabad to Srisailem and Guntur / Kurnool to Srisailem passes through the core area of Nagarjunasagar Srisailem Tiger Reserve, the entry point being Mannanur from Hyderabad side and Dornala from the other side. The traffic is prohibited on this road from 9.00 P.M. to 6.00 A.M. and during non-prohibited hours lot of tourists / Pilgrims pass through these roads in different type of vehicles on their way to Srisailem temple. During festival times the numbers of vehicles passing through these roads becomes very high and due to use of the roads by such large number of vehicles and pilgrims a lot of litter and garbage is generated on the road sides which is very harmful to the health of the wildlife. Instances of plastic bags containing food articles dispensed by the tourists and ingested by the wild herbivores and these plastic bags getting lodged in the rumen of these animals and becoming fatal have been noticed. Due to heavy accumulation of such litter and garbage it is becoming very difficult to clean litter and garbage on day to day basis as sufficient monetary resource is not available for engaging people for the cleaning work and it is desirable to keep the core area totally litter and garbage free for conservation of wildlife. In view of the above, it is proposed to collect Environmental maintenance charges for the vehicles passes through R&B roads falling in Nagarjunasagar Srisailem Tiger Reserve i.e., Guntur / Kurnool – Srisailem Road and Hyderabad – Srisailem for the improvement of habitat at the rate of Rs.20/- per heavy vehicle (Buses and Lorries) and Rs. 10/- per light vehicle (Toofans, Tempos, Cars and Vans), except for all Government Vehicles and APSRTC and vehicles of other State Government owned corporation as the Chief Wildlife Warden is Empowered to impose such collection as per Section-28(2) and Section - 33(c) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

2. In the reference 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden, A.P., Hyderabad has stated that the proposal is being made to control the adverse impact of the vehicular traffic in the core area of the Tiger Reserve and to take up certain measures like deploying mobile patrol parties to keep check on speeding vehicles, clearance and disposal of litter along the highway, setting up of speed breakers to avoid accidents to wild animals crossing the roads, putting up sign boards and caution boards to maintain speed limit. These activities will be taken up with the proposed fee collected from various vehicles passing through the Tiger Reserve and the amount so collected will be deposited in Tiger Conservation Foundation of Andhra Pradesh which was registered with the Registrar of Societies, Nandyal and accounting procedure and guidelines will be followed as provided in the Bylaws of Tiger Conservation Foundation.

3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden, A.P., Hyderabad has therefore requested the Government to consider collection of Environmental maintenance Charges from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2014, at the rate of Rs.20/- per heavy vehicle (Buses and Lorries) and Rs. 10/- per light vehicle (Toofans, Tempos, Cars and Vans), except for all belonging to Government, APSRTC and vehicles of other State Governments and Government owned Corporations.

4. Government, after careful examination of the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden, A.P., Hyderabad, hereby accord permission to Levy Environmental maintenance charges for the vehicles passing through Nagarjunasagar Srisailem Tiger Reserve at the rate of Rs.20/- per heavy vehicle (Buses and Lorries) and Rs. 10/- per light vehicle (Toofans, Tempos, Cars and Vans), except for all belonging to Government APSRTC and vehicles of other State Government and Government owned corporations.

5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden, A.P. Hyderabad shall take further necessary action accordingly. This order comes into force with effect from the date of issue.

6. The orders are issued with the concurrence of Finance (Expr. M&F) Department vide their U.O.No.11316-J/91/A2/Expr.M&F/14, Dt.26.05.2014.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

D. LAKSHMI PARTHASARATHY BHASKAR  
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To  
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) &  
Chief Wildlife Warden, A.P. Hyderabad.

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